

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 170: Religion Survey
MAY 5-11, 2025**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("Don't know" in phone mode) and 99 ("Refusal" in phone mode and "No answer" in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_NEEDCHRELIGCONFIRM

- 0 Childhood religion cannot be confirmed
- 1 Childhood religion can be confirmed

Note: Flag to identify whether respondent's childhood religion from ATP W162 can be confirmed. Variable label: Indicates whether respondent's childhood religion can be confirmed.

Source: ATP W162 variable X_CHRELIG_W162. X_CHRELIG_W162=11 or X_CHRELIG_W162=22 or X_CHRELIG_W162=99, THEN X_NEEDCHRELIGCONFIRM=0. OTHERWISE X_NEEDCHRELIGCONFIRM=1.

X_NEEDRELIGCONFIRM

- 0 Current religion cannot be confirmed
- 1 Current religion can be confirmed

Note: Flag to identify whether respondent's current religion from ATP W162 can be confirmed. Variable label: Indicates whether respondent's current religion can be confirmed.

Source: ATP W162 variable X_RELIG_W162. If X_RELIG_W162=11 or X_RELIG_W162=99, THEN X_NEEDRELIGCONFIRM=0. OTHERWISE X_NEEDRELIGCONFIRM=1.

X_NETNEEDCONFIRM

- 0 Should not get the questions
- 1 Should get the questions

Note: Flag to identify whether respondent should get the questions asking them to confirm their childhood and current religion. Variable label: Indicates whether respondent should get the questions asking them to confirm their childhood and current religion.

Source: X_NEEDCHRELIGCONFIRM and X_NEEDRELIGCONFIRM. If X_NEEDCHRELIGCONFIRM=1 and X_NEEDRELIGCONFIRM=1, THEN X_NETNEEDCONFIRM=1. OTHERWISE X_NETNEEDCONFIRM=0.

X_RELIG_W162

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)
- 4 Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox church)
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist

- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify religious affiliation.

Source: ATP W162 variable RELIG_W162. Same codes as RELIG_W162.

X_CHRELIG_W162

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)
- 4 Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox church)
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist
- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 22 Partly Catholic
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify religious affiliation.

Source: ATP W162 variable CHRELIG_W162. Same codes as CHRELIG_W162.

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: PEXCLUS

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own views about religion?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Only one religion is true
 - 2 Many religions may be true
 - 3 There is little truth in any religion
 - 4 There is no truth in any religion
 - 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 - 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused
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QUE: CHR_INFL1

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Decreasing
- 3 Not changing very much
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CHR_INFL1_FOL

ASK IF SAID CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS CHANGING (CHR_INFL1=1,2):

All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that Christianity's influence is **[PN: IF CHR_INFL1=1 INSERT "increasing"; IF CHR_INFL1=2 INSERT "decreasing"]**?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Good thing
- 2 Bad thing
- 3 Doesn't make a difference
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:

DISPLAY IF X_NETNEEDCONFIRM=1:

Now we have a few questions about why some people change their religion during their lives, and other people keep the same religion throughout their lives.

TXT:

[PN: SHOW RELCONFIRM and CHRELCONFIRM ON THE SAME SCREEN]

QUE: RELCONFIRM

ASK IF X_NETNEEDCONFIRM=1:

[PN: FILLS1 for RELCONFIRM based on X_RELIG_W162:

IF X_RELIG_W162=1, INSERT "[PN: IF WEB:] are Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.) **[PN: IF CATI:]** are Protestant, for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, or Church of God"

IF X_RELIG_W162=2, INSERT "are Catholic"

IF X_RELIG_W162=3, INSERT "are a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints"
IF X_RELIG_W162=4, INSERT "are an Orthodox Christian"
IF X_RELIG_W162=5, INSERT "are Jewish"
IF X_RELIG_W162=6, INSERT "are Muslim"
IF X_RELIG_W162=7, INSERT "are Buddhist"
IF X_RELIG_W162=8, INSERT "are Hindu"
IF X_RELIG_W162=9, INSERT "are atheist"
IF X_RELIG_W162=10 INSERT "are agnostic"
IF X_RELIG_W162=12 INSERT "have no particular religion"]

In a previous survey we asked what your current religion is, and you indicated you [**PN: INSERT TEXT FROM FILLS1**]. Do we have that right?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CHRELCONFIRM

ASK IF X_NETNEEDCONFIRM=1:

[**PN: FILLS2** for CHRELCONFIRM based on X_CHRELIG_W162:

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=1, INSERT "[PN: IF WEB:] Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.) [PN: IF CATI:] Protestant, for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, or Church of God"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=2, INSERT "Catholic"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=3, INSERT "as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=4, INSERT "as an Orthodox Christian"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=5, INSERT "Jewish"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=6, INSERT "Muslim"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=7, INSERT "Buddhist"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=8, INSERT "Hindu"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=9, INSERT "atheist"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=10 INSERT "agnostic"

IF X_CHRELIG_W162=12 INSERT "with no particular religion"]

And you also indicated that as a child, you were raised [**PN: INSERT TEXT FROM FILLS2**]. Do we have that right?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

TXT:**[PN: COMPUTE CONFIRMSUCCESS=0****IF RELCONFIRM=1 and CHRELCONFIRM=1, CONFIRMSUCCESS=1****var label CONFIRMSUCCESS** "Indicates whether respondent successfully confirmed childhood and current religion"**val label CONFIRMSUCCESS=0** "Did not successfully confirm (includes those who were not asked to confirm)" **CONFIRMSUCCESS=1** "Confirmed childhood and current religion"]

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TXT:**[PN: INSERTS FOR FAITHFUL:****IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=1-4, INSERT** "Christian"**IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=5, INSERT** "Jewish"**IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=6, INSERT** "Muslim"**IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=7, INSERT** "Buddhist"**IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=8, INSERT** "Hindu"**OTHERWISE INSERT** "a good person"]

BAT: ESSENT**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE BOTH RANDOMIZATIONS IN DATA FILE]****[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]****[PN: IF WEB:]** How important is each of the following to what being **[PN: INSERT TEXT FROM FAITHFUL]** means to you?**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** How important is each of the following to what being **[PN: INSERT TEXT FROM FAITHFUL]** means to you? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)****[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How important is this to what being **[PN: INSERT TEXT FROM FAITHFUL]** means to you? Is this **(READ LIST))****BATTERY ITEMS:****[SCREEN 1]**

- a Believing in God
- b Attending religious services regularly
- c Continuing family traditions
- d Treating people with kindness
- e Being honest

[SCREEN 2]

- f Loving your country
- g Being part of a community
- h Helping those in need
- i **[PN: IF CONFIRMED RELIGION AND CHRISTIAN (X_RELIG_W162=1-4 AND CONFIRMSUCCESS=1):]** Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Essential
- 2 Important, but not essential
- 3 Not important
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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